

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/GB2004/003326

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07K14/82 C12N15/11 C12N15/12 C07K16/32 A61P35/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBASE, WPI Data, PAJ, Sequence Search

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	CIOCA D P ET AL: "RNA interference is a functional pathway with therapeutic potential in human myeloid leukemia cell lines" CANCER GENE THERAPY, vol. 10, no. 2, February 2003 (2003-02), pages 125-133, XP002293680 ISSN: 0929-1903 the whole document	1,7-20
X	US 6 414 134 B1 (REED JOHN C) 2 July 2002 (2002-07-02)  the whole document	1,2,4,5, 7,10,11, 15,17, 19,22

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

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X	FUTAMI T ET AL: "Induction of apoptosis in HeLa cells with siRNA expression vector targeted against bcl-2" NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH SUPPLEMENT, no. 2, January 2002 (2002-01), pages 251-252, XP002968175 ISSN: 0305-1048 the whole document	1,7,8, 10-12, 17-22
X	GAUTSCHI O ET AL: "ACTIVITY OF A NOVEL BCL-2/BCL-XL-BISPECIFIC ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE AGAINST TUMORS OF DIVERSE HISTOLOGIC ORIGINS" JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, vol. 93, no. 6, 21 March 2001 (2001-03-21), pages 463-471, XP009003270 ISSN: 0027-8874 the whole document	1,7,10, 11, 15-19,22
A	JIANG MING ET AL: "Bcl-2 constitutively suppresses p53-dependent apoptosis in colorectal cancer cells" GENES AND DEVELOPMENT, vol. 17, no. 7, 1 April 2003 (2003-04-01), pages 832-837, XP002293683 ISSN: 0890-9369 the whole document	1-22
A	MERCATANTE D ET AL: "Modification of alternative splicing pathways as a potential approach to chemotherapy" PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS, vol. 85, no. 3, March 2000 (2000-03), pages 237-243, XP002262995 ISSN: 0163-7258 the whole document	1-22

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## Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
  - a. type of material
    - a sequence listing
    - table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material
    - in written format
    - in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing
    - contained in the international application as filed
    - filed together with the International application in computer readable form
    - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purpose of search
2.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
3. Additional comments:

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
Although claims 1-10 encompass methods of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3.  Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

#### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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## Information on patent family members

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